

EPI Update for Friday, September 26, 2014
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Items for this week's EPI Update include:

- **New pneumococcal conjugate vaccine recommendations**
- **Fall pumpkin patch, apple orchard, and petting zoo reminders**
- **New educational materials available**
- **Meeting announcements and training opportunities**

New pneumococcal conjugate vaccine recommendations

The CDC published new recommendations for adults aged 65 years and older to receive a dose of pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV13, Prevnar, Pfizer), in addition to the routine recommendation to receive a dose of pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine (PPSV23, Pneumovax, Sanofi). The two pneumococcal vaccines should not be coadministered on the same date.

For pneumococcal vaccine-naïve adults, it is recommended to receive the PCV13 first, followed by a dose of PPSV23 at least six to 12 months later. For adults who have previously received a dose of PPSV23, a dose of PCV13 should be administered at least one year later. For adults who are recommended to receive additional doses of PPSV23, there should be at least five years from the previous dose of PPSV23 and at least six to 12 months from the previous dose of PVC13. (Recommendations for routine use of PCV13 in adults aged 19 years and older with immunocompromising conditions, functional or anatomic asplenia, cerebrospinal fluid leak, or cochlear implants remain unchanged.)

The full report can be found at

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6337a4.htm>.

Fall pumpkin patch, apple orchard, and petting zoo reminders

Many lowans will be visiting pumpkin patches, apple orchards, and petting zoos this time of year. Please remind patients that while these trips are fun and educational, they should take measure to ensure they stay healthy.

- Wash apples and other produce before eating them.
- Make sure any cider or juice has been pasteurized. If unsure, check the product labeling, or ask if the product has been pasteurized. Unpasteurized apple cider has been linked to numerous outbreaks, including *E. coli*, *Salmonella*, and *Cryptosporidiosis*. Young children and people who are immune-compromised are at increased risk of these infections.
- Wash hands with warm water and soap before eating, and after visiting the patch, orchard, or petting zoo.

New educational materials available

The Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) has developed new vector-borne disease (Tick-borne diseases, Mosquito-borne disease and West Nile virus) brochures and posters, which are available to you at no cost.

These and many other educational materials are available through the public health clearinghouse (Iowa Substance Abuse Information Center (ISAIC) Clearinghouse). IDPH materials on infectious diseases, environmental health, HIV/AIDS, STDs, hepatitis, immunization, tobacco use prevention, and the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) supplemental nutrition program are provided and shipped free of charge.

For information on obtaining materials from the clearinghouse, visit
For the Health Protection Clearinghouse, visit <http://healthclearinghouse.drugfreeinfo.org>.

To order immunization education information directly from their website visit
www.idph.state.ia.us/ImmTB/Products.aspx?prog=Imm&pg=Products

Meeting announcements and training opportunities

No meeting announcements or training opportunities this week.

Have a healthy and happy week!

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